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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

November 25, 2020

G. Scott Shepherd  
Site Development Specialist II  
SBA Communications Corporation  
134 Flanders Rd., Suite 125  
Westborough, MA 01581

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-028-201112** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 29 Mahoney Road, Colchester, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on November 12, 2020.

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the request. Sheets A-2 and A-3 of the Construction Drawings (CD) prepared by Chappell Engineering, last revised September 23, 2019 and provided with the request, indicates the installation of a new handrail kit (Site Pro 1 P/N HRK12) as part of the proposed modifications to the antenna mount. However, the Mount analysis and Structural analysis dated August 6, 2019 and July 16, 2019 respectively, do not account for the above referenced mount modifications.

Also, the exempt modification request lacks a description of the wireless services to be provided, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services as stated in the Council's memorandum to Telecommunications Industry Representatives dated October 26, 2020 (attached).

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that SBA Communications provide a CD that is consistent with the rest of the exempt modification request, and a statement clarifying if 5G services or frequencies associated with 5G services are part of the proposed modifications on or before January 4, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 4, 2021. **Please provide an electronic version of the requested information for the incomplete exempt modification to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's exempt modification identification number referenced above with the submittal.**

This notice of incompleteness shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 217 of the FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order issued on October 21, 2014 (FCC 14-153).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

*s/ Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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Enclosures: Council's memo dated October 26, 2020 to Telecommunications Industry Representatives



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

October 26, 2020

TO: Telecommunications Industry Representatives

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filings

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Pursuant to Section 16-50aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall issue an order approving shared use of a telecommunications facility if the proposed shared use of the facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible and meets public safety concerns.

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-72(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, changes on an existing telecommunications tower site that meet the regulatory criteria shall not constitute a modification.

The Council is receiving inquiries from the municipalities and the public as to whether the equipment associated with requests for tower sharing and/or exempt modifications will provide 5G services.

**Effective immediately**, the Council hereby requests that a description of the wireless services to be provided by a proposed equipment installation, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services, be specifically identified in requests for tower sharing and requests for exempt modifications.

Pursuant to Sections 16-50j-39a and 16-50j-90, no request shall be approved until a complete submission containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.